

1 What is claimed is:

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3 1. A washing machine comprising:  
4 a housing;  
5 a tub in the housing;  
6 a drum rotatably installed in the tub to hold a laundry, the drum comprising:  
7 a plurality of lifters on an inner circumference of a sidewall of the  
8 drum;  
9 a multitude of perforated holes at the sidewall between the lifters;  
10 and  
11 a joint portion extending on the sidewall in a length direction to be  
12 indistinguishable from the lifters and the perforated holes; and  
13 a driving means for rotating the drum.

2. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, the joint portion comprising:  
a first curled end; and  
a second curled end engaging the first curled end to be joined.

3. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the joint portion includes a joint line formed on the sidewall in the length direction.

4. The washing machine as claimed in claim 3, wherein the joint line comprises a plurality of unit joint lines formed intermittently.

5. The washing machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein the unit joint lines are welding lines.

6. The washing machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the unit joint lines is a coupling member.

7. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the joint portion is separated from an adjacent one of the perforated holes in a circumferential direction to leave a same distance between the perforated holes in the circumferential direction.

8. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the joint portion lies parallel with one adjacent column of the adjacent perforated holes to leave a same distance between columns of the perforated holes.

9. The washing machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein a distance between the unit joint lines is equal to a distance between the perforated holes belonging to an adjacent perforated holes column.

10. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 7, wherein the joint portion lies closer to the corresponding lifter than the perforated holes.

11. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 7, wherein the joint portion lies between the corresponding lifter and a perforated holes column closest to the lifter.

12. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 7, wherein the joint portion lies between the lifters to form a group of columns including perforated holes columns and wherein the joint portion is a first column closest to one of the lifters among the group of the columns.

13. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 10, wherein the joint portion lies symmetrical to a first column of the perforated holes confronting the joint portion centering around the corresponding lifter.

14. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 10, a distance between the joint portion and the corresponding lifter is equal to a distance between the corresponding lifter and a first column of the perforated holes confronting the joint portion centering around the corresponding lifter.

15. The washing machine as claimed in claim 1 or claim 10, wherein the corresponding lifter lies on a centerline between the joint portion and a first column of the perforated holes confronting the joint portion centering around the corresponding lifter.